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TAGS: PFOR GY LY PINR MOPS

SUBJECT: LARAF ATTACK ON USG AIRCRAFT

REF: ATHENS 1720

1. IN RESPONSE TO MIGLIARESSIS QUERY AS TO LINE CAVALIERATOS
MIGHT TAKE WITH PRESS SATURDAY, YOU SHOULD DO NO MORE THAN
MAKE AVAILABLE SUITABLE EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN' S
STATEMENTS AND RESPONSES QUESTIONS.

2. FOCUS MUST REMAIN ON CENTRAL FACT THAT AN UNARMED
MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON A ROUTINE MILITARY MISSION WAS
ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION BY LIBYAN FIGHTERS IN
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WHAT IS CLEARLY INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE. (FYI. TO AVOID DESCRIBED AS TRANSPORT. ENDFYI) THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE STRESS IN ANY US STATEMENTS.

3. WE AGREE THAT NATURE OF PLANE' S MISSION IS NOT RELEVANT TO CENTRAL ISSUE AND HOPE THAT THE GREEKS WILL SEE THAT IT IS NOT IN US- GREEK INTERESTS BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS ASPECT.

4. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON THE INCIDENT AT FRIDAY' S PENTAGON BRIEFING AND QUESTIONS AT DEPARTMENT' S NOON BRIEFING DEALT ENTIRELY WITH LIBYA' S UNILATERALLY DECLARED RESTRICTED ZONE AROUND TRIPOLI.

5. FYI. INTEEP
STENMANS ON MARCH 5-6 MEETING.

5) INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS. REPORT ON PROGRAM AND PLANS TO BE CIRCULATED, INCLUDING RESULTS OF FEB 27-28 ASTRONOMY MEETING. DRAFT CONCLUSIONS LATTER MEETING FORWARDED TO US DELS FOR COMMENT.

6) TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT - ORAL REPORT. SEE
DAS/ SPR/73.9 ON JAN 15 MEETING.

B. LONG- TERM ENERGY REQUIREMENTS - ORAL REPORT. SEE PARA 5,
SPT/ M(72)3.

C. JOINT GROUP ON COOPERATION BETWEEN SCIENCE AND
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES - ORAL REPORT BY SWEDISH REP
ENGSTROM.

D. PROPOSED 1974 WORK PROGRAM. DOCUMENT TO BE CIRCULATED.

E. REPORT OF HELIUM GROUP. DOCUMENT TO BE CIRCULATED.

F. IRISH SCIENCE POLICY REVIEW AND PREPARATIONS FOR
CONFRONTATION MEETING ON YUGOSLAV REVIEW - ORAL REPORT.

G. OTHER BUSINESS.

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